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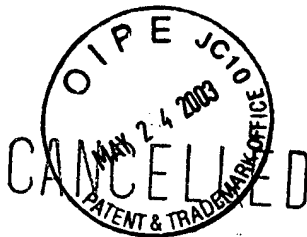
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- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement (2 pgs.), and Form 1449 (1 pg.).

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COMMUNICATION CONCERNING RELATED APPLICATION(S)

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Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following related application(s) in the above-identified patent application:

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| 10/824780 | April 15, 2004 | 1842.045US1 | LAYERED SECURITY METHODS AND APPARATUS IN A GAMING SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT |
| 10/824945 | April 15, 2004 | 1842.046US1 | REMOTE AUTHENTICATION OF GAMING SOFTWARE IN A GAMING SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT |
| 10/824,930 | April 15, 2004 | 1842.047US1 | SECURED NETWORKS IN A GAMING SYSTEM ENVIRONMENT |
| 10/119,663 2003/0195033A1 | April 10, 2002 | | GAMING SOFTWARE AUTHENTICATION |
| 10/092,072 2003/0171149A1 | March 6, 2002 | | INTEGRATION OF CASINO GAMING AND NON-CASINO INTERACTIVE GAMING |

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, if an Office Action on the merits has been mailed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

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The present application is either a U.S. national patent application filed after June 30, 2003 or an international application that entered the national stage under 35 U.S.C. § 371 after June 30, 2003. Thus, Applicant believes that the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office has waived the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication. The waiver is provided in a pre-OG notice from the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003" and dated July 11, 2003. Applicant acknowledges the requirement to submit copies of foreign patent documents and non-patent literature in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2).

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

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